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Residents and tourists of this area are to be congratulated for their outstanding cooperation, enthusiasm and support during the recent staging of "A Concert in the Sky."

"Spectacular" appropriately describes the dazzling fireworks display. More importantly, this word denotes the capacity crowd of more than 115,000 who marveled at the exhibition from the grounds of the Niagara Reservation.

Additional credit for the tremendous success of the first-time event goes to its planners WGRZ-TV and WBUF-FM, and to other financial sponsors, Old Milwaukee Beer and Burger King. Thanks to the concurrence of Eddy Joseph, Tom Darro of the Niagara Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau complimented the group.

This list of appreciation would be incomplete without recognizing Unistage Inc., the City of Niagara Falls Police and Fire Departments, Gladieux Corp. and the Niagara Frontier State Park Regional staff and Police. Professional Ambulance Service, the American Red Cross and Dr. Keith Goldstein were on site in case of a medical emergency.

Months of thorough preparation by this committee helped to assure the safety and enjoyment of those attending. By the way, Paul Austin of Wichita, Kansas, is the talented and creative pyrotechnician who orchestrated the event to perfection.

We realize there are wrinkles to be ironed out. However, the excellent attitude and positive actions displayed by this community motivate and enable us to consider sensational programming of this magnitude for the future.

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